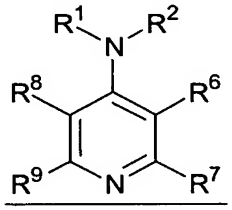
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

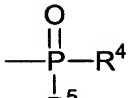
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) , please amend the claims as follows:

1.-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of injured mammalian nerve tissue, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound ~~of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or polymorph thereof.~~ according to the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein $R^1$ is H or a $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl group;

$R^2$ is a  group, a  group or an OR group; wherein

$R^3$ is H, a $C_1$-$C_{20}$ alkyl group, an OR group, an alkylene ester group  , an amine group $-NR^{11}R^{12}$; or $R^3$ and $R^6$ are taken together to form a $-(CH_2)_m-$ group where m is 1-3, R is a $C_1$-$C_{20}$ alkyl group, an aryl group or an alkylene aryl group, $R^{10}$ is a $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl group, n is 1 to 20, $R^{11}$ is selected from the group consisting of H, $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl, aryl, alkylene aryl and an alkylene ester group, and $R^{12}$ is selected from the group consisting of H, $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl, aryl, alkylene aryl and an alkylene ester group; or $R^{12}$ and $R^6$ are taken together to form a $-(CH_2)_z-$ group where z is 0 to 2, and wherein at least one of $R^{11}$ or $R^{12}$ is H; $R^6$ is H, $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, $NO_2$ or a $NR^{13}R^{14}$ group where $R^{13}$ and $R^{14}$ are H or a $C_1$-$C_3$ alkyl group; or $R^{14}$ is taken together with $R^3$ to form a $-(CH_2)_p-$ group where p is 0 to 3 ; $R^4$ and $R^5$ are aryl or aryloxy; and each of $R^7$, $R^8$ and $R^9$ is independently selected from H, $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I and $NO_2$.

4. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) *t*-Butyl Carbamate;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Carbamate;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Methyl Carbamate;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Isopropyl Carbamate;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Dodecyl Carbamate;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Benzyl Carbamate;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Benzamide;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Acetamide;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Propionamide;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Trimethylacetamide;

*N*-(4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Succinamate;

*N, N'*-(4-Pyridyl) Urea;

*N, N'*-(3,4-Pyridyl) Urea;

*P, P*-Diphenyl N-(4-Pyridyl) Phosphinamide; and

4-Pyridinyl Phosphoramidic acid, Diphenyl Ester;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts~~, solvates, and polymorphs~~ thereof.

5.-14. (previously canceled)

15.-17. (canceled)